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The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the subject application for the purpose of entering the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☐ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☑ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☑ Six (6) sheets of drawings illustrating Figs. 1-9.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and Form PTO-1595.
- ☑ Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☑ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☑ a Preliminary Amendment.
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Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents will be submitted at a later date.

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